

Appendix E:

Public Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee biographies

Robert George Atwood

Yakima, representing the Washington State Medical Association. Bob has been Health Officer and Director of Yakima Health District since 1974, and of both the Grant and Adams County Health Districts since 1991. He is also a Clinical Associate Professor, University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine. Previously, he headed the Local Health Services Section of the Health Services Division in the State Department of Social and Health Services. He has also served as a Public Health Advisor in Guam, and as a Medical Officer for U.S. Public Health Service, Division of Indian Health, Rosebud, South Dakota. His memberships include National Association of County Health Officials, U.S. Conference of City Health Officers, Washington Association of Local Public Health Officials, and Washington State Medical Association. He has also served on several boards and commissions. Bob received a Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Science from University of Wisconsin, and a Master of Public Health from University of Hawaii.

John A. Beare

Spokane, representing the Washington State Public Health Association. John has served as Health Officer for Spokane County Health District for four years. Over the 25 previous years, he held various administrative positions in the Health Division of the State Department of Social and Health Services and the former State Department of Health, including Director and Assistant Secretary, and Acting and Deputy Assistant Secretary. Since 1974 he has been Clinical Professor of Health Services, University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine. Memberships and public service include American Public Health Association, Washington State Public Health Association, Spokane County Medical Society, Washington State Medical Association, Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials, State Board of Health, Washington Traffic Safety Commission, National Drinking Water Advisory Committee, Executive Committee of Association of State and Territorial Health Officials and AIDSNET Director's Council. He holds a Doctor of Medicine, a Master of Public Health and a Bachelor of Science.

Bobbie Berkowitz

Olympia, representing the Washington State Department of Health as chair of the PHIP Steering Committee. Bobbie was appointed Deputy Secretary for the Department of Health in May, 1993. Prior to that she served as the Chief of Nursing Services for the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health, and Director of Nursing for the Whatcom County Health Department. She holds Clinical Assistant Professor appointments with the University of Washington Schools of Nursing and Public Health, and with Seattle University School of Nursing. Bobbie served on the State Board of Health from 1988 to 1992 and the Washington Health Care Commission where she chaired the Health

Services Committee. Bobbie is on the Board of the Hanford Environmental Health Foundation. She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and is active with the American Public Health Association. Bobbie holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science from Case Western Reserve University, and Master of Nursing and Bachelor of Science-Nursing from the University of Washington.

Dennis Braddock

Seattle, representing the Washington State Association of Community Clinics. Dennis is Executive Director of Washington State Association of Community Clinics, Executive Officer of Community Health Plan of Washington as well as principal and owner of a land use planning consulting firm. From 1983 to 1993, he served in the State House of Representatives where, as Health Care Committee Chair, he worked to develop House positions on a wide range of health care issues and worked for health system reform. Legislation he sponsored included Statewide Trauma System Reform, Omnibus AIDS Bill, Pre-natal Care Legislation, Long Term Care Reform Bill, Health Care Reform Legislation and creation of the Health Care Commission. He was Vice Chair of the Ways and Means Committee and Chair of the Capital Budget Committee. Dennis received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Washington State University.

Margaret M. Casey

Olympia, representing public health consumers. For over 16 years, Margaret has successfully lobbied the Washington State Legislature on family issues, long term care issues, labor, housing, human and civil rights, education, juvenile and adult corrections, and sentencing reform. She has also lobbied for selected issues at the Congressional level. Much of Margaret's work has been for organizations that support public health, such as the Anti-hunger and Nutrition Coalition, the Children's Alliance, Washington School Food Service Association, Washington State Association for Adult Day Centers and Washington Chore and Home Care Coalition. Margaret has also worked as a teacher and principal. She received a Master of Arts in Educational Administration and a Bachelor of Arts from Seattle University.

Dorothy Elaine Conley

Marysville, representing the Public Health Nursing Directors. Elaine has been Director of Community Health for the Snohomish Health District since 1989, and adjunct faculty of School of Nursing, University of Washington since 1989. Her 25 years in health care have included clinical and public health nursing, instructor of nursing, and administration. Among her affiliations are Chair of the Public Health Nursing Directors of Washington, Executive Committee of Washington Association of Local Public Health Officials and Washington Core Public Health Function Committee. Previously, Elaine served as president of Arizona Public Health Association. She has been recognized for developing a Patient Acuity and Workload Analysis System for public health nursing. Elaine received a Master of Public Health from University of Washington and a Bachelor of Science-Nursing from California State University.

Tim Douglas

Bellingham, representing the Association of Washington Cities. Tim is currently Mayor of the City of Bellingham, a position he has held for the past ten years. He has a long-standing involvement with public health issues. He served on the Whatcom County Board of Health and is a member of the Association of Washington Cities Health Care Advisory Committee. As a member of the Executive Board of the Association of Washington Cities, he has taken a leadership role in maintaining environmental quality of the Puget Sound area. He was appointed by Governor Gardner to the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority. He also chairs the Coalition for Clean Water, a statewide association

of cities, counties and sewer districts committed to preserving water quality. He served on the Department of Ecology's Hazardous Waste Advisory Committee, which drafted a state plan for the reduction, reuse, recycling and disposal of hazardous wastes. Prior to his position with the City of Bellingham, Tim held a variety of administrative positions at Western Washington University from 1967 to 1983. He was Dean of Students at that institution from 1980 to 1983. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Russian from Washington State University and Master of Science in Higher Education Administration and Industrial Psychology from Indiana University.

Mimi L Fields

Olympia, representing the Washington State Department of Health. Mimi is the State Health Officer/Deputy Secretary for the Department of Health. She has also served as Assistant Secretary for HIV/AIDS and Infectious Diseases, and as the first Director of the state Office on HIV/AIDS. As State Health Officer, Mimi is lead physician for all public policy decisions on health and illness care in Washington. One of her primary responsibilities is development of local/state partnerships. Along with her roles for the Department of Health, Mimi is Assistant Dean for Public Health Practice at University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine. She also has experience teaching, lecturing and writing, and has had numerous academic appointments. She lectures frequently to professional and community groups, and has presented papers both nationally and internationally. Mimi received a Doctor of Medicine from University of Missouri, Columbia, a Master of Public Health from Harvard University, and a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science from Luther College. Mimi is board-certified in General Preventive Medicine and Public Health, and is board-eligible in Occupational Medicine and General Preventive Medicine.

Stan Flemming

Steilacoom, representing State House of Representatives, 28th District. Stan is serving his first term as a state legislator. He is Vice Chair of the Environmental Affairs Committee, and member of the Health Care and Higher Education Committees. He is board-certified in family practice, and a previous Associate Professor of Family Medicine. Gubernatorial appointments have included the State Licensing Board and the Governor's Committee on Emergency Medical Services Cost Reimbursement. He has also served on a Higher Education Coordinating Board subcommittee on professional recruitment and retention. He received a Doctor of Osteopathy medical degree from College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, a Master of Social/Psychology from Pacific Lutheran University, and a Bachelor of Science-Zoology from University of Washington.

James L Gale

Seattle, representing the University of Washington, School of Public Health. Jim is Professor of Epidemiology, Adjunct Professor of Health Services, and Director of Center for Public Health Practice in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at the University of Washington. He has been a faculty member since 1969. In addition, he is the Health Officer for the Kittitas County Health Department. Among his research interests are infectious disease epidemiology, vaccines and their adverse effects, and the uses of surveillance information by state and local health departments. He has served as a reviewer of various National Institutes of Health Review Committees. Jim is a member of Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials, and national organizations including American Public Health Association, American Epidemiological Society and Infectious Disease Society of America. He is a past president of the Society for Epidemiological Research. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University, a Doctor of Medicine from Columbia University, and a Master of Science in Preventive Medicine (Epidemiology) from the University of Washington.

Robert P. Groncznack

Seattle, representing environmental health concerns. Bob has been the Superintendent of Water for the City of Seattle since 1987. Prior to that, he served as Director of Public Works and Construction at the Naval Air Station on Whidbey Island. He held several positions with the Navy including Director of Facilities Planning and Development, Deputy Public Works Director and Regional Civil Engineer. He is a registered civil engineer in the states of Washington and Pennsylvania. In 1987, Bob received the Excellence in Management Award from the Seattle Management Association. He is a member of the Board of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies. He holds a Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from University of Michigan, and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from U.S. Naval Academy.

Tom Hilyard

Tacoma, representing the Washington Health Services Commission. Tom has served as a commissioner since September 1993. Prior to his work with the Health Services Commission, Tom served as Executive Director of Human Services for Pierce County. From 1985 to 1987, he served as the Director of three agencies under the Human Services Department. From 1981 to 1985, his time and talents were devoted to anti-poverty programs while employed as Manager of the Pierce County Community Action Agency. Among his other positions he was a program development specialist for Tacoma's Human Development Department. He served as chair of the Washington Basic Health Plan Advisory Council, and for five years was a key advisor in the development of this innovative health plan for the working poor. He also chaired the Health Policy Committee of Governor Gardner's 1984 Transition Team and served as one of three co-chairs of Governor Lowry's Transition Team's Health Policy Committee. Tom also chaired the Pierce County Facilities Review Committee for six years. He was recognized as an Outstanding Young Man of America in 1983, and named in Who's Who Among Black Americans, 1980-1985. Tom earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Anthropology from Western Washington University.

M. Ward Hinds

Mukilteo, representing the State Board of Health. Since 1986, Ward has been Health Officer of Snohomish Health District and since 1988, Director of Region 3 AIDS Service Network. Previously, he was Director of Epidemiology and State Epidemiologist for Kentucky Department of Health Services, and Associate Director of Epidemiology for Cancer Center of Hawaii. Ward is also currently a Clinical Professor in both the Epidemiology and Health Services departments, University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine. His numerous memberships have included State Board of Health, American Public Health Association, Society for Epidemiologic Research, Washington Association of Local Public Health Officials, Washington State Public Health Association, All Kids Count, Tobacco Free Washington, Governor's AIDS Advisory Committee and Community Health Center of Snohomish County Board. Ward received a Doctor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Arts-Chemistry from Vanderbilt University, and a Master of Public Health-Epidemiology from University of Washington.

Susan M. Johnson

Seattle, representing labor issues. Since 1979, Susan has served as Director of Government Relations for Service Employees International Union. This statewide council represents 20,000 professionals and skilled workers in health care, K-12, higher education, business and law enforcement. Susan provides leadership to coalitions of divergent groups to reach consensus on issues of concern to members, and lobbies the Washington State Legislature on those issues. She has spearheaded numerous legislative issue campaigns, including the Livable Income Campaign coalition which accomplished

landmark minimum wage reform. Governor Lowry appointed Susan co-chair of the Citizen Task Force on Government Efficiency and Effectiveness, and to the Governor's Citizens' Cabinet. She has served on many other state and regional boards, commissions and councils. Susan holds a Bachelor of Arts from Middlebury College, Vermont.

Charles Frederick Kleeberg

Tacoma, representing environmental health concerns. For eight years, Chuck served as Director of the Environmental Health Division, Seattle-King County Department of Public Health. For 13 years, Chuck served in several capacities with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), including advising City of Seattle on environmental issues, overseeing Washington Department of Ecology's (WDOE) air and waste programs, and leading Superfund studies and projects. Most recently, he has served as the Director of the King County Building Department and Director of Seattle's Sewer Utility. Among his affiliations are Washington State Bar Association, Washington State Public Health Association, Washington State Environmental Health Association and National Environmental Health Association. Chuck received a Juris Doctorate from University of Puget Sound School of Law, and a Bachelor of Science-Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University.

Nancy Leer

Seattle, representing the Washington State Nurses Association. Nancy was recently appointed Executive Director of Washington State Nurses Association. Her background in health care operations, administration and management includes Associate Executive Director of Planned Parenthood of Alameda and San Francisco counties, 12 years at Chinese Hospital in San Francisco, progressing from Director of Patient Care Services to Acting Hospital Administrator. She was also Director of Staff Development and Associate Director of Nursing at Marshal Hale Hospital, San Francisco. She has consulted on Nursing Management in England, France, Spain and Canada. Nancy holds a Master of Public Administration in Health Services from the College of Notre Dame, Belmont, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Public Health, from the University of Ottawa.

Thomas L Milne

Vancouver, representing the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials. Tom has served as Executive Director of Southwest Washington Health District since 1983, and serves on a number of regional committees and task forces addressing AIDS, the homeless, access to medical care, substance abuse and other topics. He chairs the Washington State AIDSNet Council, is past president of Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials, and serves on the Basic Health Plan Advisory Council. He is also on the Advisory Council of American Public Health Association, and the Policy Committee of National Association of County Health Officials. Tom is a member of the Editorial Board of "The Journal of Public Health Policy." He was a founding scholar in the first annual National Public Health Leadership Institute and currently serves on its Governing Council. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Oregon State University.

Bruce A. Miyahara

Seattle, representing the Washington State Department of Health. Bruce was appointed Secretary of the Department of Health in February, 1993 by Governor Lowry. He came from Seattle-King County Department of Health where he had served as Deputy Director and Chief Administrative Officer since 1986 and Acting Director in 1991. Previous posts included Director of Regional Health Services, Administrator of Jail Health Services, and Consultant for Primary Care Programs. In the early 1970s, Bruce worked with the group who started Seattle's free health clinics for the poor, which grew into the present community health center network. He has served as Treasurer of Washington State Public Health Association, Council Member of Pacific Medical Center, and is active in civic and community organizations. Bruce holds a Master of Health Administration and a Bachelor of Arts from University of Washington.

Anita Monoian

Yakima, representing the Washington State Association of Community Clinics. Anita has served for 15 years as Executive Director of Yakima Neighborhood Health Services. Other activities include service on the Boards of Directors of Washington Association of Community Health Centers, Community Health Plan of Washington, National Association of Community Health Centers and Northwest Regional Primary Care Association of which she is President. She is also on the Board and the Health Policy and HIV-AIDS - Substance Abuse Committees of the National Association of Community Health Centers. She is a member of Washington Rural Health Association. Also interested in environmental health issues, Anita has served on the Washington State High Level Nuclear Waste Advisory Committee and the State Department of Ecology Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Genoveva P. Morales

Sunnyside, representing public health consumers. As Migrant Head Start Director for the Washington State Migrant Council, Genoveva administers a comprehensive service delivery program for 1,962 migrant children in 25 communities around the state. She has been with the Washington State Migrant Council since 1987. Her previous work included counselling positions at higher education institutions. Genoveva has been an active participant on several committees concerning children's needs. These include the state's Child Care Coordinating Committee, National Migrant Head Start Directors Association, Seasonal Day Care Providers Association and Interagency Agricultural Task Force. She received a Master of Social Work from Eastern Washington University and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare from University of Washington.

Ronald J. Schurra

Spokane, representing the Washington State Hospital Association. Before assuming his current position with Dominican Network/Holy Family Hospital in January of 1989, Ron served as the Executive Vice-President/Chief Operating Officer of St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan, for 2 1/2 years. From 1984 to 1986, Ron served as Senior Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer for Venice Hospital in Venice, Florida. From 1975 to 1984, Ron worked as the Administrator of St. Francis Hospital in Escanaba, Michigan. From 1969 to 1975, Ron served as Assistant Director of Somerset Hospital in Somerset, New Jersey. Ron began his career in health care in 1968 as an assistant to the Health Care Commissioner in the State of New York. Ron received his bachelor's degree from St. Louis University in 1965 and his master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1969 and is currently a fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives.

Ron Sims

Seattle, representing the Washington State Association of Counties. Elected King County Council member in 1985, Ron is the first African American to be elected as a county official in Washington State. Previously, he had served as Leadership Coordinator for the 37th District State Senator George Fleming. Ron chairs the King County Board of Health, and the County Council's Fiscal Management and Human Services Committee. He also serves on the METRO Council which deals with transit and water quality issues for King County. Ron is recognized for his legislative, policy and budget efforts, and his civic and volunteer support of children/youth and seniors. He is president of the Rainier District Youth Athletic Association, coaches youth teams, and has served as a lay minister for Operation Nightwatch. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Central Washington University.

Mark G. Sollek

Seattle, representing the Health Care Purchasers Association. Mark recently accepted the Associate Medical Director position at King County Medical Blue Shield. Prior to that, he consulted with businesses, insurance companies, Valley Medical Center and Hanford Environmental Health in the area of health benefits and workers compensation. He was Medical Director of U.S. West Communications from 1987 through 1992. Prior to that, from 1975 through 1987, he practiced Internal Medicine and Nephrology. He has been a Clinical Associate Professor in Internal Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine. Mark has consulted with U.S. West Communications, Pacific Northwest Ballet and Pepsico regarding AIDS education and policies, and was a member of the Strategic Planning Committee for the Northwest AIDS Foundation. He was a physician in Vietnam for one year with the U.S. Army. Memberships include King County and Washington State Medical Associations, American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, American Public Health Association, American College of Physician Executives and National Association of Managed Care Physicians. Mark received his Doctor of Medicine from Duke University Medical School and Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Cincinnati.

Phil Talmadge

Seattle, representing the Washington State Senate, 34th District. Phil has served in the State Senate since 1979. Currently, he chairs the Health and Human Services Committee and is a member of the Ecology and Parks, Ways and Means and Statute Law Committees. He also serves on the Governor's Growth Strategies Commission, Judicial Council and Joint Select Committee on Juvenile Issues. He has been the prime sponsor of more than 150 bills, and a leader in children's issues, mental health, court reform, consumer protection, environmental quality, anti-crime, growth management, education reform and comprehensive health care reform. Phil has been an attorney since 1975 with a concentration on appellate practice. He is active in many business, sport, cultural and professional organizations. Phil received a Juris Doctorate from University of Washington and a Bachelor of Arts-Political Science from Yale University.

John George Thayer

Mount Vernon, representing the Washington State Environmental Health Directors. John has served as Director of Environmental Health for Skagit County Health Department since 1979. Prior posts with the department include Food Program Supervisor and General Sanitarian. He has served on the State Board of Health, and is a member of Washington State Public Health Association and Washington State Environmental Health Association, and has held several offices including Chair for Washington State Environmental Health Directors. His activities in these organizations have included work related to food programs, farmworker housing issues, and legislation. John received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health from University of Washington.

MelTonasket

Nespelem, representing Indian health issues. Mel serves as Service Unit Director at the Colville Indian Health Center, Indian Health Service. His prior posts were Director of Indian Policy and Support Services for the State Department of Social and Health Services, and Public Affairs Specialist for the Indian Health Service, Portland office. His experience also includes 19 years on the Tribal Council of the Colville Confederated Tribes, the offices of President and first Vice President on the National Congress of American Indians, and two years on the American Indian Policy Review (Congressional) Commission. He is on the boards of Northwest Renewable Resources Center, United Indian of All Tribes Foundation, Governor's Indian Advisory Council and Paschal Sherman Indian School. Mel is an advisory board member to the Indian Education Program at Eastern Washington University, and the Graduate School of Public Administration and the Environmental Studies Program at University of Washington.